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August 1 Crop Production Forecast

Corn production in **Virginia** was forecast at 53.4 million bushels, up 5 percent from the previous crop. Yield was estimated at 157 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels from the 2014 level. Acres for harvest as grain were estimated at 340,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2014. The **U.S.** corn production was forecast at 13.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 168.8 bushels per acre, down 2.2 bushels from 2014. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.1 million acres, unchanged from the June forecast but down 2 percent from 2014.

Soybean production for **Virginia** is forecast at 27.7 million bushels, increased 8 percent from 2014. Yield was estimated at 42.0 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from a year ago. **U.S.** soybean production was forecast at 3.92 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 46.9 bushels per acre, down 0.9 bushels from last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 83.5 million acres, down 1 percent from June but up 1 percent from 2014.

Virginia farmers expect to harvest 14.2 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2015. The expected crop for 2015 would be down 20 percent from the previous year. Growers expect a yield of 63.0 bushels per acre, down 5.0 bushels from 2014 and down 4.0 bushels from July. Farmers expect to harvest 225,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.44 billion bushels, up 4 percent from 2014. The United States yield is forecast at 43.2 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and up 0.6 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 33.3 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

Barley producers in **Virginia** forecast harvesting 1.52 million bushels for 2015, down 31 percent from last year. Acres expected to be harvested for grain total 19,000 acres, down 9,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 80.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 1.0 bushel from 2014. **U. S.** production is expected to total 209.7 million bushels. Acres harvested is forecast at 2.92 million acres, up 19 percent from last year. Growers nationwide anticipate a yield of 71.8 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushels from the July forecast but down 0.6 bushels from 2014.

Virginia cotton production is projected to be 210,000 bales, down 5 percent from last year. Cotton yields are forecast to average 1,200 pounds per acre, down 39 pounds per acre from the previous year. Producers expect to harvest 84,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2014. **U.S.** cotton production was forecast at 13.1 million bales, down 20 percent from 2014. Yields are forecast to average 795 pounds per acre, down 43 pounds from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 7.89 million acres, down 16 percent from the previous year.

Peanut farmers in **Virginia** anticipate harvesting 92.0 million pounds for 2015, up 11 percent from last year. Acres expected to be harvested total 23,000 acres, up 4,000 from last year. Producers expect a yield of 4,000 pounds per acre, down 350 pounds from 2014.

Virginia burley tobacco production was forecast at 2.08 million pounds, down 29 percent from 2014. Yield was projected at 1,600 pounds per acre, down 350 pounds from the 2014 crop. Harvested acreage was estimated at 1,300 acres, down 200 acres from last year's crop. For the **burley producing states** production was forecast at 157 million pounds, down 26 percent from last year. Burley growers plan to harvest 84,000 acres, down 17 percent from 2014. Yields were expected to average 1,872 pounds per acre, down 228 pounds from last year.

Production of **Virginia dark fire-cured** tobacco was forecast at 805,000 pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. **Flue cured** tobacco production was forecast at 51.5 million pounds, down 5 percent from last year.

Production of **hay** by **Virginia** farmers was forecast to be down slightly from last year. **Alfalfa hay** production is forecast at 232,000 tons, 9 percent below the 2014 level. **Other hay** production was estimated at 2.42 million tons, down slightly from last year.

CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY, August 1
VIRGINIA AND UNITED STATES

Crops	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 ²	2014	2015		2014	2015
						Jul 1 ¹	Aug 1 ²		
	VIRGINIA								
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Barley ³⁴	56	47	28	19	79.0	80.0	80.0	2,212	1,520
Corn ³	500	500	350	340	145.0	--	157.0	50,750	53,380
Oats ³⁴	10	12	3	3	78.0	--	--	234	--
Soybeans ³	660	670	650	660	39.5	--	42.0	25,675	27,720
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	290	260	260	225	68.0	67.0	63.0	17,680	14,175
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	87	85	86	84	1,239	--	1,200	222	210
Peanuts	19	23	19	23	4,350	--	4,000	82,650	92,000
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	1,175	1,130	2.28	--	2.34	2,675	2,647
Alfalfa	--	--	75	80	3.40	--	2.90	255	232
Other, All	--	--	1,100	1,050	2.20	--	2.30	2,420	2,415
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	24,330	22,650	2,370	--	2,399	57,651	54,335
Burley	--	--	1,500	1,300	1,950	--	1,600	2,925	2,080
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	330	350	2,200	--	2,300	726	805
Flue Cured	--	--	22,500	21,000	2,400	--	2,450	54,000	51,450
	UNITED STATES								
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>	<i>(1,000 bushels)</i>
Barley ³⁴	2,975	3,413	2,443	2,919	72.4	71.3	71.8	176,794	209,690
Corn ³	90,597	88,897	83,136	81,101	171.0	--	168.8	14,215,532	13,686,063
Oats ³⁴	2,723	3,064	1,029	1,220	67.7	68.6	70.0	69,684	85,456
Soybeans ³	83,701	84,339	83,061	83,549	47.8	--	46.9	3,968,823	3,916,448
Wheat, Winter ³⁴	42,399	40,620	32,304	33,329	42.6	43.7	43.2	1,377,526	1,438,278
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Cotton ⁵	11,037	8,898	9,347	7,895	838	--	795	16,319	13,082
Peanuts	1,354	1,600	1,325	1,565	3,932	--	3,950	5,210,100	6,181,000
	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(1,000 acres)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>	<i>(1,000 tons)</i>
Hay:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	57,092	56,539	2.45	--	2.51	139,798	142,100
Alfalfa	--	--	18,445	18,337	3.33	--	3.39	61,446	62,092
Other, All	--	--	38,647	38,202	2.03	--	2.09	78,352	80,008
	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(acres)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
Tobacco:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All	--	--	378,360	332,450	2,316	--	2,158	876,415	717,341
Burley	--	--	101,500	84,000	2,100	--	1,872	213,160	157,265
Dark-Fire Cured	--	--	18,630	17,450	3,175	--	3,247	59,146	56,665

¹ Commodities with estimates not available are denoted by "--". ² Forecasted. ³ Area harvested represents grain. ⁴ Includes area planted in preceding fall. ⁵ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales. U.S. production includes American-Pima cotton.